

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2428 - SB 2624

February 19, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a law enforcement officer to transport any juvenile taken into custody to a juvenile assessment center, unless the child is in custody for certain, serious offenses.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Due to multiple unknown factors, any fiscal impact to local government cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty. However, any such impact to local government would be considered permissive. No significant impact to state government.

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-116(a)(1)-(4), a juvenile taken into custody may only be detained in a licensed foster home, licensed child care agency or detention home or center under the direction or supervision of the court, with certain exceptions.
- Passage of this legislation would allow a law enforcement officer to transport a juvenile taken into custody to a juvenile assessment center for intake and screening services, unless the child is in custody for certain, serious offenses.
- This legislation does not mandate local governments to create juvenile assessment centers. To the extent that any such local government elects to create a juvenile assessment center, there would be permissive increases in local expenditures associated with the establishment and ongoing operations of the center.
- Processing eligible juveniles taken into custody at such centers will impact current processing procedures and could result in a significant impact on the juvenile justice system. However, due to multiple unknown factors, any such impacts cannot be quantified with reasonable certainty.
- This legislation will have no effect on the policies or procedures of the Department of Correction; therefore, any fiscal impact to the department is not significant.
- Any impact on expenditures of local law enforcement agencies will be not significant and can be absorbed within existing state and local resources.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the proposed legislation will not result in a significant increase in caseloads to the state and local courts. Any increase in expenditures will be absorbed within existing judicial resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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